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1. Coast guard units on the Kurzeme coast are under the command of a staff in Kaunas. The commander has the rank of general, but he cannot be more closely identified. The coast guard staff in Lepaya is stationed at Padomju prospekt 17, formerly Kurmijas prospekt. The commander is a major whose name is not known. Captain SMIRNOV (fnu) takes care of matters dealing with fishing. His predecessor, Captain YAZENKO (fnu),

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2. The coast guard patrols the shore from the southern pier to the hospital, and at times somewhat further south. The patrol takes place every day at twilight. In these patrols there are sometimes men from the Militia. The guard at the center entrance to the harbor is made up of naval vessels and naval personnel. The coast guard also keeps a number of posts in Lepaya constantly manned. Of these, the following were noted:
 - a. A post, which is relieved every other hour, is located in a fairly low wooden tower next to the western side of the entrance boom to the fishing harbor. The post commander and an officer or senior NGO stay in a guardhouse at the entrance to the fishing harbor. They have an assistant with them, and control traffic in and out of the harbor.
 - b. Between the fishing harbor and the Baltic shore there is a wooden tower about 20 meters high. This has a post manned by the coast guard. The tower is equipped with a radio station.
 - c. There is a similar tower in the southern portion of the city, between the city canal and the hospital.
 - d. There is also a coast guard post at the water tower of the oil refinery in Jaun Lepaya.

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3. Other guard posts that are known along the Kurzeme coast are as follows:
 - a. Pape (N56-14, E21-03), a coastal post. In Geplenieki (N56-14, E20-59), north of Pape, there is a wooden watchtower at which a coast guard unit of about fifteen men is stationed.
 - b. Jurmalsiems (N56-18, E20-59), consists of a coast guard staff and a watchtower. In addition, there is a tower in Kusenkalns.
 - c. Skaras (not located), a coastal post, has a watchtower.
 - d. Bernati (N56-23, E20-59), a coastal post, has a watchtower.
 - e. Reina mezs (not located), a coastal post for the southern coast, has a watchtower.
 - f. Perkone (N56-28, E21-05), a post at the school, has a watchtower, and a searchlight.
 - g. Dzintarnieki (not located), a coastal post, has a watchtower.
 - h. Lepaya has two searchlights, one at the central cemetery, and the other at the naval harbor. At the northern naval base, about one kilometer to the north, there is a watchtower. There is another watchtower one kilometer still further north.
 - i. Akmenrags (N56-50, E21-10), a coastal post, has a watchtower. A BO or MO submarine chaser is constantly on patrol near Akmenrags and Saraiki.
 - j. Pavilosta (N56-53, E21-10), a coast guard staff, belongs to the Ventspils coast guard district.
 - k. Ulmale (N56-56, E21-12), a coast guard control station, has a tower.
4. The coast guard boats stationed in Lepaya have berths at the southern quay of the city canal, in the eastern fishing harbor. Regularly anchored here are two BO ships, five or more MO ships, and two torpedo boats of an unidentified type, which are equipped with two torpedo tubes on the decks. All the ships have radar. The coast guard also has two vessels of a somewhat larger type than the BO anchored in the outer part of the winter harbor at the north quay. One of the ships has the name RIFF. These ships are equipped with a gun on the forecastle and two, possibly three, at the stern.
5. Fishing vessels are only rarely followed and checked at sea by the coast guard ships. Ordinarily, the reason for contact with fishing vessels at sea is to deliver naval orders not to visit certain areas. It is possible that a close control will be introduced when the fishing boats are equipped with radio transmitters. This process has already begun, but is proceeding slowly. Up to now, only ten per cent of the Bolshevik fishing kolkhoz's fleet has radios.
6. The city of Lepaya is a restricted area. Outsiders can only visit the city by showing a special permit or order. An outsider must also have special permission to visit the coastal zone.
7. In addition to the naval base, there are other restricted areas in the city of Lepaya. In the southern part of the city, there is the coastal area connected with the naval base, which runs from the Tosmare canal in the north, to the north pier of the free harbor in the south. This area is bounded on the east by Kalpaka iela. Other forbidden areas are the quays of the winter harbor, the coal port, and the north quays in the city canal out to the cold storage warehouses and elevators, that is, practically as far as the Bridge of Commerce. The south quays in the city canal are restricted from the Bridge of Commerce to the fishing harbor. The Baltic coast is restricted from the city hospital southward and from the southern pier abutment northward. Thus, the public is admitted to the coast only on the stretch from the southern pier abutment to the city hospital.
8. Both the Militia and the MGB border guards conduct document checks, partly at fixed posts on the roads and partly through mobile control units. In Lepaya itself, there is only one fixed Militia post, and that is at the northern end of the Bridge of Commerce. The post checks travellers only on exceptional occasions, and then only as a rule to hunt for stolen goods in their baggage. Until recently, there were fixed control points on the roads to Grobina (N56-32, E21-20) and Perkone (N56-28, E21-05). These have been withdrawn for the time being, and have not been replaced by others. The state auto inspection controls on these roads are still there, on the Grobina road at Saules muiza and on Perkone road at the canal.

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